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20,000 counterfeit \$100 bills seized in Jaffa press raid

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Twelve million counterfeit U.S. dollars were seized by the police on Friday at a Jaffa printing press in the largest such raid ever made in Israel.

Ten Israelis, seven in Israel and three in the U.S., were arrested simultaneously in an operation planned jointly by the Israel police and a Secret Service.

The suspected forgers, planned to distribute the dollars both in Israel and in the U.S., according to Police investigations Division head Nitzav Shekel Carthy and the head of the unit for Major Crimes, Tat-Nitzav Mand Levy.

News of the raid was banned for publication until yesterday to enable continuation of the investigation and in the U.S., they told a press conference.

At 3:15 a.m. Friday, a team of detectives from the Major Crimes Unit burst into the Kamal Press on Jaffa's No. 1 Rehov Hayesod. They found four million high-quality counterfeit dollars, in \$100 bills, counted and ready for distribution, and eight million more in various denominations.

The raid was the culmination of an operation which began a year ago when the police received a tip concerning plans to print dollars in Israel.

The suspects reportedly intended to print dollars both in Israel and in the U.S., where they set up a printing press in Clifton, New Jersey.

Throughout the operation, the suspects cooperated closely with the Secret Service, which is in charge of U.S. currency. Three Israeli officers were sent to New York to coordinate a transatlantic operation.

More than three months ago, the suspects began experimenting in producing dollars, working late at night at the printing press, until they achieved the right texture and colour of the bills.

Carthy and Levy stressed that the counterfeit dollars are so sophisticated that they passed the forged-dollar detector test by causing the hum that only real dollars make when tested on the machine. The notes also bear different serial numbers, and only a laboratory test could detect they were forged.

When the team of detectives raided the Jaffa group, the suspects were so shocked that there was no need for the detectives to draw their pistols. One suspect held out his wrists to be handcuffed while the other said: "How can you be such sadists? We worked so hard at printing, you could at least have stopped us before we started work."

The suspects are Jaffa resident Yossi Kamai, the owner of the printing press, Simon, Dano and Hezko Hoshchashvili, of Ashdod, Benny Hen of Lod, and Avraham Kakishvili, of Ramla.

They were remanded on Sunday, for 15 days. The three suspects in the U.S. — Avraham (Abulia) Battashvili and his two sons are under arrest.

The \$4 million completed dollars, which could fit into two attache cases, were still on sheets of six bills each, for the forgers had not managed to cut them before the six detectives burst in on them. Secret Service agents, who at the same time raided the New Jersey press, found the paper and printing machines, but the dollars there had not been printed.



Only a laboratory test could detect that the \$12 million pictured above are counterfeit. The fake \$100 bills were seized last Friday in a raid on a Jaffa printing press. (IPPA)

Israel to press U.S. for emergency funds

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel is preparing to request emergency economic aid from the U.S. to help tide the country over a period when economic reforms are being introduced, and fully expects that the aid will be conditional on the introduction of a stringent economic programme.

This was confirmed yesterday at a news conference by outgoing Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad. He declined to specify the amount of the aid sought, but a senior ministry official confirmed earlier reports that the request would be for between \$700 million and \$1.5 billion.

Treasury officials declined to comment on whether the request would relate to the forthcoming U.S. budget year (starting in October) and for which Israel's request for \$2.6 billion in military and economic aid has already been ratified in Washington, or to the 1986 financial year when the aid request is expected to be raised to \$3.3 billion.

Cohen-Orgad conceded that he expects the U.S. administration to make the additional aid conditional on Israel implementing austerity measures to cut government spending (he anticipates the same to decline by 10 per cent) and to institute wage and price controls in a bid to reduce drastically the 400 per cent inflation rate.

Another facet of the Israeli approach to Washington will be that the U.S. repeat its gesture of last year and transfer the entire 1985 aid package in a lump sum during the first quarter (i.e. before the end of this year).

The Post economic reporter adds: Cohen-Orgad's statements imply that the country's foreign-currency reserves will continue to drop this month after a decrease of some \$600 million over the last three months. The reserves will drop by another \$300 million in the next one to three months, observers said.

According to Treasury sources, a major monetary injection will take place again this month. This follows the \$135 billion pumped into the economy during August. In the first week of September the government has already pumped \$500 million into the economy, the sources said.

Finance Minister-designate Yitzhak Moda'i yesterday met ministry director-general Nissim Baruch, to be briefed on the Treasury's economic plan. Treasury officials said there is concern in the ministry that Moda'i will scrap the plan's proposals for new taxes. Moda'i spoke against the proposals in the cabinet when they first became public last month.

Peres, Shamir to clinch unity gov't deal today

Jerusalem Post Knesset Correspondent

Prime Minister-designate Shimon Peres is expected to muster the votes of over three-quarters of the Knesset when he presents his national unity government for a vote of confidence tomorrow at 10 a.m.

Following yesterday's Labour Party endorsement of the national unity coalition arrangement by a vote of 394 to 166, Peres will today hold a final meeting with outgoing Prime Minister and Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir to settle outstanding points concerning platform and portfolios.

If all goes according to plan, Peres will call on President Herzog this evening and announce that he has succeeded in forming a government which will command the confidence of the Knesset.

The outgoing Shamir cabinet will hold a brief

ceremonial session in its chambers before the plenum session. The incoming Peres government will meet briefly after the vote of confidence.

It was not clear last night whether the Knesset will manage to elect a permanent Speaker tomorrow as well.

Labour is putting up Shlomo Hillel, while Likud MK and former deputy Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidon is still trying to persuade his faction to sponsor him.

In the National Religious Party, there was still talk of putting up Prof. Avner Sciaky, who may agree to stand if he is knocked out of the cabinet stakes at today's NRP secretariat meeting, and if he is guaranteed the backing of the Likud.

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Labour Party votes approval by 70%

By ROY ISACOWITZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The national unity agreement passed its major hurdle last night when it was decisively approved by the Labour Party central committee.

The agreement still has to be approved by the Herut central committee today, and several outstanding differences, described by Labour sources as "minor," have yet to be settled between Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Prime Minister-designate Shimon Peres. But there now appears little to prevent the government from being presented to the Knesset tomorrow or Thursday.

Last night's vote, in which the agreement was approved by 394 votes to 166 — or some 70 per cent to 30 per cent — climaxed a heated and often raucous four-hour debate. Pro-agreement speakers, particularly Peres, were heckled loudly by the vocal minority opposing the pact.

Peres presented the case for national unity in an aggressive opening address. Admitting that the agreement had many drawbacks, he stressed that it had more virtues — in particular the fact that it put an end to seven years of Likud rule. "The agreements causes despair in all the parties, but it gives the country a chance to overcome its problems," he declared.

Peres won loud applause when he declared that Yitzhak Rabin, as defence minister, would withdraw the Israel Defence Forces from Lebanon "soon." For that reason alone, it would be worthwhile to form a national unity government, he said.

He listed four major goals of his government — to heal divisions in the economy; to withdraw from Lebanon; and to re-establish a peace policy toward the Arab world.

These objectives only could be achieved by a national unity govern-

ment, given the arithmetic of the election results. Peres said. And a unity government demands "mutual consideration," he added, saying concessions have to be made and the principle of "equality and parity" between the Likud and the Alignment must be adhered to.

Peres defended the policy guidelines of the new government, in particular those pertaining to the three most contentious issues: Lebanon, settlements and policy towards Jordan.

The formula on Lebanon calls for "security arrangements" to guarantee the security of the Galilee, and provides for the withdrawal of the army from Lebanon "in a short period to be set by the government."

Regarding negotiations with Jordan, the agreement states that neither Israeli nor any other other

sovereignty will be declared over the West Bank and Gaza during the government's term of office.

Jordan will be invited to enter into negotiations "on a basis to be decided on by the government." The government further undertakes to "discuss" Jordan's proposals.

Finally, the agreement provides for the calling of elections in the event of territorial compromise being considered.

On the complex settlement issue, the government pledges not to uproot existing settlements. Their existence, defence and development will be guaranteed "at a pace to be decided on by the government."

Regarding the 28 settlements already agreed on by the Likud gov-

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Yahad affirms its bond with Labour

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yahad will not withdraw from the government even if not all its demands are met, a senior Yahad source said yesterday. "We wanted a national unity government, we are part of the Alignment and that's all there is to it," he said.

The Jerusalem Post learned that party leader Ezer Weizman was offered a choice of the agriculture, science or energy ministries, but he rejected the offer because of his desire to be a senior minister dealing with defence matters, Jewish affairs in the Diaspora and Arab affairs.

The rumours of Weizman's dissatisfaction with the negotiations over Yahad's duties in the government were deliberately spread by persons who want to blow up the negotiations, a senior Yahad source said yesterday. The source said that the reports of criticism of Yahad Secretary-General Avraham Tamir

by so-called military officers also originated from these persons, who are afraid their privileges might be impaired in the new government.

Meanwhile, Weizman's functions in the government have been defined by the Yahad-Alignment negotiating team and include membership in the inner cabinet, membership in the Ministerial Economic Committee and the Ministerial Committee on Social Affairs, membership in any team for political negotiations, special missions abroad, responsibility for the three advisers on national security, Arab affairs and Jewish Diaspora affairs, as well as other duties the prime minister may charge him with.

Both Yahad and Alignment sources said yesterday they are confident all remaining issues will be settled by the time the government is due to be presented tomorrow morning.

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Begin is hospitalized or urinary-tract pains

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Former prime minister Menachem Begin was reported to be feeling well yesterday after being hospitalized at Jerusalem's Sha'are Sadek Hospital with pains in the urinary tract.

It was the first time that Begin has felt his Yefe Nof apartment since he moved in exactly nine months ago, except for an unpublished visit to see of his daughters some three months ago.

Begin, 71, was taken by ambulance to the hospital, about a kilometre away from his home, at 15 a.m., accompanied by Dr. Phraim Meltzer. After an examination in the emergency room, he was

admitted to the urology department, headed by Prof. Amizur Farkash. Tests were conducted and doctors will decide what treatment to administer when results are received.

Begin was resting last night in a private suite, with guards posted outside to keep intruders away.

Begin's two daughters, Hassia and Lea, visited him (his son Binyamin Ze'ev is in the U.S.), as did his close friend, Minister-without-Portfolio Ya'acov Meridor. Doctors said he was in high spirits and busied himself reading.

It has not been decided whether Begin will need surgery. His problem is reported to be prostate gland troubles.

IAF hits terror base

Jerusalem Post Staff

and Agencies

The Israeli Air Force early yesterday attacked a terrorist base in the region of Bhamdoun in Lebanon, destroying a three-storey building which served as a headquarters for the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP).

The Israel Defence Forces spokesman announced that all Israeli planes returned safely to their bases, with the pilots reporting good hits on the target.

According to Lebanese reports, Maj. Suleiman Daoud, known by the code name Abu Hassan, was killed and three followers of rebel PLO leader Abu Musa were wounded in the attack.

Bhamdoun is located on the Beirut-Damascus highway, 22 kilometres east of the Lebanese capital. The territory is controlled by Syrian-backed Druse militiamen.

Yesterday's raid was the fourth in Lebanon in six weeks and the second in the past fortnight.

According to Israeli military sources, yesterday's raid was a warning to the terrorists against expanding into other troubled areas close to Israeli front lines. The sources also said the air strike was ordered as a response to a statement by Lebanese Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri that 50 young men were trained and ready to carry out suicide attacks against Israeli troops in South Lebanon.

TWO IDF WOUNDED

The IDF spokesman in Jerusalem also announced that two Israeli soldiers were wounded (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Fine start to tennis classic

Post Sports Staff

The Ramat Hasharon \$90,000 tennis classic got off to an exhilarating start yesterday afternoon with the defeat of the second seed, Gianni Occhipeto of Italy, by American Mark Flur.

Israel's Shlomo Glickstein came perilously close to being bundled out, but managed to survive a tough three-set encounter against Chile's Alvaro Fillol.

Other winners on the opening day included Leo Palin of Finland, Gilad Bloom of Israel, Jeff Turpin and

Howard Sands of the U.S. and Jaromir Becka of West Germany.

Fifth-seeded Shahar Perks last night became the third Israeli player through to the second round when he defeated American Glenn Layendecker 6-4, 6-4.

Top-seeded Aaron Krickstein, the 17-year-old American wonderboy and tournament defending champion, and former Wimbledon runner-up Roscoe Tanner will be in action this afternoon. (Details page 4)

UKM decides to join national unity gov't

By ROY ISACOWITZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The central committee of the United Kibbutz Movement yesterday approved the participation of its representatives in the national unity government. The decision, by a vote of 124-96, means that MK Ya'acov Tzur will almost certainly receive a cabinet post, probably that of absorption minister, and that MK Avraham Katz-Oz is likely to be named deputy minister of agriculture.

The committee approved participation in the government despite a previous decision, reaffirmed yesterday, to vote against the coalition with the Likud in the Labour Party central committee last night.

Proponents of participation described yesterday's vote as a "pragmatic decision," as opposed to the ideological decision to oppose the government. The UKM has no intention of splitting from the Labour Party in the event of its forming the government, they explained, and it would be in a position

of greatest influence if within the government.

The committee was addressed by MK Yitzhak Navon, who lauded the kibbutz movement as the "finest flower" of the labour movement, but stressed that the time had come for the movement to make the best of what it could get. "I do not expect any major diplomatic breakthroughs, but maybe we can make little breakthroughs," Navon said.

The Moshav Movement yesterday decided to approve the candidacy of

MK Arye Nehemkin for a ministerial post, almost certainly that of agriculture minister. Nehemkin beat off a challenge by former MK Raanan Na'im for the post.

Prime Minister-designate Shimon Peres will present his list of cabinet appointees to the Labour central committee this evening for approval. Only minor opposition to the list is expected, following the approval last night of the coalition agreement, in the face of determined opposition.

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150 complete SLA basic training

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AL-HIAM, South Lebanon. — The first South Lebanon Army basic training course is being completed, and of some 150 trainees, 70 are Shi'ite, and the remainder are Druse and Christian.

The soldiers, some aged 35, underwent five weeks of training. The commander of the base, Daniel Khouri, said the course is parallel to

that of the Lebanese Army, with certain improvements based on knowledge gained from the Israel Defence Forces.

The soldiers are paid an average of 1,750 Lebanese pounds (\$190,000) per month.

The SCA's first artillery training course is also being completed. The course lasted three weeks. The soldiers were trained in the use of 155mm and 130mm artillery pieces.

U.S. pilots to train here in Kfirs

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — In what is being described as a first in American-Israeli relations, the U.S. Navy is sending pilots to Israel to train on the Kfir CI fighters.

As announced on August 31 by U.S. Navy Secretary John Lehman, the Americans are leasing 12 Kfirs from the Israeli Air Force to help train U.S. pilots in dogfighting techniques. The Kfirs will simulate Soviet-made Mig-21s in the exercises.

The Washington Post yesterday reported that the number of navy pilots to go to Israel in connection with this programme is still being debated.

"One idea is to send four instructor pilots and have them train other navy pilots in the U.S.," the report

said. "The other proposal calls for sending an entire navy squadron to Israel for training."

The newspaper went on to say that American "election-year politics hangs over the question."

"The Reagan administration," it explained, "wants the navy training in Israel to be visible enough to impress Jewish voters with President Reagan's commitment to a strong U.S.-Israeli military relationship."

But the report noted that the administration "did not want the presence of the American military in Israel to loom larger in the eyes of friendly Arab states than it is."

According to the report, navy pilots will need about two weeks in Israel to familiarize themselves with the Kfir.

Israel Aircraft Industries, which has a 3½-year, \$68 million contract

to service the Kfirs at the U.S. naval air station at Oceana, Virginia, is reportedly sending 15 Kfir specialists to the U.S. It also plans to hire some 60 or 70 more mechanics and technicians in the U.S.

The Israeli Air Force is making the Kfirs available to the navy at no cost.

The Washington Post quoted U.S. Navy officials as citing several advantages for leasing Kfirs, including their speed and versatility. "The Kfir can achieve twice the speed of sound and therefore about twice the speed of the F-5," it said. "It can carry the radar and other gear that modern versions of the Mig-21 would bring to battle against U.S. aircraft."

The first three Kfirs are expected in the U.S. within six months. The remaining nine will follow at the rate of three a month.



Had Bloom shows a bit of the McEnroe style — high kicks and endband — on the way to victory in yesterday's opening day of the Ramat Hasharon tennis classic. (Hanoth Guthman)

Troops told to shoot on sight after 11 die in Hyderabad riots

HYDERABAD, India (Reuters). — Troops with "shoot on sight" orders killed many people yesterday in the city's southern part of Hyderabad, where under indefinite curfew at least 11 persons died in Hindu-Muslim clashes at the weekend.

Army trucks carrying machine guns patrolled the otherwise empty streets of the city as paramilitary forces with anti-riot sticks threw a light cordon around the Andhra Pradesh State Assembly building where rival supporters of ousted Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao and his successor, Bhaskara Rao, face a showdown vote today.

A cavalcade of cars and buses led by Rama Rao had entered the city escorted by police after driving from neighbouring Karnataka State.

Perched on top of an old van, the film star-turned-politician greeted thousands of flower-waving follow-

ers outside the city and along the route, kept secret until the journey began.

His rival, new Chief Minister Bhaskara Rao, told reporters that nine people had been killed and 84 injured in communal riots on Sunday during a Hindu religious festival. No further violence was reported yesterday, he said.

Rama Rao's dismissal last month by the then-state governor, who said

he did not have a majority, set off protests in which 25 people were killed.

Bhaskara Rao blamed the weekend violence on the right-wing opposition Hindu Bharatiya Janata.

But BJP leader Atal Behari Vajpayee, who together with other national opposition leaders has arrived in Hyderabad to witness the vote, blamed the clashes on Bhaskara Rao's supporters.

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| Haifa Port | 19 | 19-35 | 35 |
| Tiberias | 19 | 19-31 | 29 |
| Nazareth | 19 | 16-32 | 31 |
| Afula | 20 | 17-31 | 29 |
| Sharon | 20 | 19-28 | 28 |
| Tel Aviv | 44 | 16-30 | 29 |
| B-G Airport | 26 | 17-37 | 36 |
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| Gaza | 21 | 14-33 | 31 |
| Beersheba | 21 | 21-37 | 37 |
| Elat | 21 | 21-37 | 37 |

New British minister for Northern Ireland

LONDON (Reuters). - Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yesterday appointed a new minister to take charge of troubled Northern Ireland, naming former Foreign Office Minister Douglas Hurd to replace James Prior.

Hurd, 54, steps up in the cabinet shuffle to Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, one of the toughest jobs in British politics.

He was a minister of state at the Foreign Office in the first Thatcher government from 1979 to 1983 and was switched to a ministerial post in the Home Office when Thatcher's Conservatives were re-elected in June last year.

Prominent UK Jew gets cabinet post

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. - David Young, a prominent member of the Jewish community, has been given a peerage and a place in Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's cabinet as a minister without portfolio.

Young, currently chairman of the Manpower Services Commission, is chairman of the administrative committee of the World ORT Union and brother of BBC chairman Stuart Young.

Also announced last night was the appointment of former Labour MP Stanley Clinton Davis, who is also active in Jewish and Zionist circles, as a commissioner of the European Economic Community.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Burg to be challenged for NRP seat

Jerusalem Post Reporter The secretariat of the National Religious Party is to meet today to choose its candidate for the single cabinet seat that Labour and the Likud are willing to grant the four-man faction.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg was picked yesterday by his Lamifne wing as a candidate in advance of today's election.

Burg, 75, announced publicly that if chosen he would serve only until the end of 1985, and then retire from cabinet activity. His Lamifne col-

leagues said later they hoped Burg's statement would win him support from outside his own wing.

It was not clear last night whether Burg's longstanding rival Education Minister Zevulun Hammer would run against him or prefer to step into his shoes by general consensus, if he can, when Burg steps down next year.

Burg's newest rival, Prof. Avner Shalev, is expected to challenge the party doyen and seek support from various wings of the NRP. Shalev said last week he had mustered more votes for the NRP in the July 23

Knesset elections than any of the other men in the four-man faction.

Yehuda Ben-Meir, who failed to enter the Knesset this time, told reporters last night he would challenge Burg today because he felt it was undignified for a democratic political body to sponsor one unopposed candidate. Ben-Meir ridiculed the idea of the NRP changing cabinet horses in mid-stream after 12 months.

Burg said the NRP's one minister ought to control the functions of the Interior and Religious Affairs Ministries simultaneously.

Decisive Morasha-Likud meeting today

Jerusalem Post Reporter The two-man Morasha faction today is to give Prime Minister Shamir and his senior Likud colleagues their last opportunity to cement a Likud-Morasha alliance.

But Morasha has so far received such a watery response to its far-reaching demands from the Likud that it does not expect, at a noon meeting in the Prime Minister's Office, to sign an agreement enabling it to enter the national unity coalition.

Morasha MK Avraham Verdiger told The Jerusalem Post: "Today we'll know whether Morasha is in or out." If he and his colleague Haim

Druckman stay out of the national unity government, Verdiger said, they will not function as an all-out opposition, but will consider each political issue on its merits.

Morasha has the following demands:

- that the Likud extract an official commitment from the Alignment to let the Alignment faction have a free vote on the amendment to the Law of Return concerning conversions solely according to Halacha;
- that a clause in the coalition agreement call for further intensive settlement operations in Judea and Samaria;
- that a Sabbath observance law

make it impossible for local authorities to establish their own Sabbath by-laws;

• that one cabinet seat without portfolio and one deputy ministership be given to the two-man faction.

Yosef Shapiro, who is not an MK is the candidate for minister and Verdiger for deputy minister.

Verdiger said the cabinet seat could either be one of the 10 assigned to the Likud, or an 11th created specially for a Likud ally. This, incidentally, would enable the Alignment to find a place for one of its own allies, in a parallel 11th place of its own.

Iceland's premier due here on Wednesday

Iceland's Prime Minister Steingrímur Hermannsson is expected in Israel on Wednesday. He is to arrive via Allenby Bridge, at the end of a visit to Jordan as a member of a Liberal International delegation headed by British Liberal Party leader David Steel. (Itim)

Car theft, jail break get man four years

TEL AVIV (Itim). - A Bnei Brak man was sentenced yesterday in district court here to four years in jail for car theft, driving without a licence or insurance, escaping from custody and setting mattresses on fire in the Petah Tikva police lock-up, which caused serious injury to other prisoners.

The prosecution said Zvi Zushovskiy, 28, stole a car in Petah Tikva last September and drove at very high speed in the direction of Yavne. When police began to chase him he swerved and the car overturned. He was not injured and police arrested him. At the Rehovot police station he falsely identified himself.

Two days later, after being remanded in Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court, Zushovskiy escaped from a police car on the way to the lock-up, and was captured only after a struggle with police.

In the Petah Tikva lock-up Zushovskiy set alight a number of mattresses. The fire made it difficult to open the cell door, and by the time jailers got in all eight prisoners were unconscious and two were seriously burned.

SLAP. - A 27-year-old ex-police officer, Avi Sharoni, was fined \$25,000 and given a three-month suspended sentence for slapping a boy on his ears four years ago. Sharoni was serving in the police at the time of the incident.

'Over 200 Syrian tanks were destroyed in Lebanon'

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. - The major pro-Israeli lobbying organization on Capitol Hill yesterday said that the Israel Defence Forces destroyed more than 200 Syrian battle tanks during the fighting in Lebanon, including almost 20 advanced Soviet-made T-72s.

"Conversely," it said, "during the entire summer of 1982, only 40 Israeli tanks were knocked out of action."

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) was responding to a controversial article in The Washington Times that alleged that 150 Israeli tanks had been destroyed in Lebanon and that some 25 per cent of Israel's casualties there were the result of Israeli accidents.

W. Seth Carus, Aipac's senior

military analyst, wrote his rebuttal to the original story in yesterday's Washington Times. He noted that Israeli forces "largely destroyed Syria's 1st tank division and inflicted serious losses on the 3rd" during the war in Lebanon.

"It is true," he said, "that Israeli soldiers were killed by Israeli guns, though the number of such casualties was only a fraction of the 750 claimed by Israel's detractors. Most of the deaths occurred during a single episode, when a lone Israeli aircraft accidentally attacked an Israeli supply column."

He pointed out that the Israel Air Force, in addition to downing nearly 100 Syrian fighter aircraft against the loss of a single Israeli plane, also destroyed "19 Syrian SAM batteries at no loss, even though various sources indicate that the Syrian air defences were manned at least in part by Soviet troops."

Nicaraguan rebel denies Israeli aid

Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. - A leading Nicaraguan rebel fighting the Sandinista regime yesterday denied that Israel is providing funds to his group.

Mario Calero Portocarrero told The Washington Post that the report in Sunday's New York Times to this effect is inaccurate.

"If Israel is putting (captured) Soviet weapons on the market in Central America, I wouldn't be sur-

prised if we had gotten some," he said. But there is no direct connection between Israel and the FDN (Nicaraguan Democratic Force). I would love for there to be one."

On Sunday, the Israeli Embassy in Washington also denied the Times story, although Israeli officials have conceded that some Israeli military equipment sold to neighbouring Central American states may later be transferred to the rebels without specific Israeli authorization.

IAF HITS

(Continued from Page One) yesterday in separate incidents in South Lebanon.

A roadside bomb exploded three kilometres south of Ansariya as a patrol passed by. One soldier was lightly wounded and was treated on the spot.

In the second incident, a soldier was wounded when the vehicle in which he was riding hit a mine. The incident occurred in the eastern sector of Lebanon, southwest of the village of Meduha. The soldier was taken by helicopter to Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

IDF forces are checking to see whether the mine had been placed the previous 24 hours, or if it was an old mine.

A member of the Shi'ite civil guards was killed yesterday morning and another two were injured when they were ambushed near the village of Gaba in the eastern sector. The civil guards are supported by Israel.

U.S. general says IDF highly respected

Jerusalem Post Staff

Gen. Herman Thomson, visiting head of U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff's planning department, yesterday said the U.S. Army has high respect for the organization and leadership of the Israel Defence Forces, the IDF spokesman announced.

Thomson was responding to criticism of the IDF's performance in Lebanon contained in the so-called "Pentagon report" published recently by The Washington Times. The general made the comment during a meeting with Defence Minister Moshe Arens.

During the meeting Arens and Thomson praised the progress of the U.S.-Israeli strategic dialogue, the spokesman said.

Thomson is in Israel as the official guest of the IDF.

Champions defeated in basketball opener

Post Sports Reporter

The National Basketball League season got under way last night when both Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Tel Aviv were defeated in the opening round matches.

Eighteen-year-old Adi Gordon scored in the final seconds the winning basket as Maccabi Haifa handed Maccabi Tel Aviv, the perennial national champion, a 94-92 defeat in Haifa. Doron Jamchev scored 47 points, as Maccabi Ramat Gan hammered Hapoel Tel Aviv 110-95.

In other games, Hapoel Ramat Gan defeated Hapoel Haifa 108-96; Hapoel Afula beat Gan Shmuel 101-82; Upper Galilee beat Reta; Tel Aviv 85-82; and Hapoel Holon defeated Kiryat Gat 93-67.

Court closes 5 dental clinics

TEL AVIV (Itim). - The Israel Dental Association yesterday won a temporary restraining order against 10 recently opened private dental clinics in the central region, closing five of them and barring the other five from advertising themselves.

Tel Aviv District Court Judge Moshe Telgam issued the order against 10 of 13 respondents named by the IDA in its application.

The five closed clinics are: Keter, Denta Negev, Niv, SRS Dental Care, Israelent. The five banned from advertising are: Denta Ltd., SRS Dental Medicine, Drs. Felix and Mina Zerkowicz, Dr. Philip Grodetsky. Seven respondents were each ordered to pay the IDA \$500,000 in court costs, while SRS Dental Care was ordered to pay \$370,000. A 48-hour delay was granted before the order takes effect.

The IDA claimed the respondents - none of whom is an IDA member - advertise their services at cheap rates, which imply that IDA-member clinics provide dental care only at high prices. The IDA argued further that the public is being damaged by such clinics, which it said are mainly run by businessmen and not by responsible dentists.

The dental organization said it decided to turn to the court after

previous appeals to the Health Ministry and the police were acted upon.

The respondents accused the IDA of being "an association of interested parties striving to protect the incomes of its members, while the public interest demands that the cost of dental services be lowered. One of the respondents' attorneys also pointed out that IDA chairman Dr. Shmuel Perlmutte owns a private clinic run by a limited company in which his wife owns all the shares.

In issuing the restraining order, which will stand until the IDA principal suit is heard by the court, Judge Telgam rejected the respondents' claims that the IDA had delayed filing its suit for an unreasonable amount of time. He also rejected their argument about the cost of dental care, saying that was irrelevant to the question whether some of them are professionally qualified to operate.

The judge based his ban on advertising on laws forbidding medical doctors and lawyers from seeking patients and clients via advertising. "The principle is clear," said Telgam, "and the patient is supposed to turn to one who treats him on the basis of his professional ability and not by his ability to advertise himself."

Phalange leader denounces speeches by Berri, Jumblatt

BEIRUT (Reuters). - The acting president of Lebanon's Christian Phalange Party yesterday denounced as "irresponsible" the attitudes of two Muslim cabinet ministers, Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri and Druse chieftain Walid Jumblatt.

Berri and Jumblatt on Sunday launched separate attacks on the Phalange Party and the administration of President Amin Gemayel, who was a leading Phalange Party member before his election to the presidency in 1982.

Referring to the harshly worded speeches of Berri and Jumblatt, Elie Karameh, acting Phalange leader since the death two weeks ago of Pierre Gemayel, told the Phalange radio it was not by such methods that Moslem demands could be achieved. He said the Phalangists, who form

the bulk of the Christian Lebanese Forces militia, were "ready for confrontation" and "would not yield pressures."

Both Jumblatt and Berri accuse Gemayel's administration of complicity in a West Beirut car-bomb explosion last Wednesday that killed 10 people and put Sunni Moslem Education Minister Selim Hoss in hospital.

Syrian Vice-President Abdel Halim Khaddam yesterday also denounced Berri in an apparent bid to head off a threat by Berri to boycott cabinet sessions.

Beirut Radio said the two men discussed the need to press ahead with Syrian-backed government efforts to extend a security plan, new areas and introduce police reforms.

New panel to plan TA suburban railway

Jerusalem Post Staff

Transport Minister Haim Corfu has appointed a steering committee to oversee planning of the Tel Aviv suburban rail line, the Transport Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

The committee, headed by Ministry director-general Baruch

Levi will head the committee, which includes representatives of the finance and interior ministries, the Israel Railways, the Netivei Ayalon project, the Tel Aviv, Petah Tikva and Bnei Brak municipalities, the Dan and Egged bus companies, and the Tel Aviv Transport Research Institute.

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The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, September 11, 1984 at 2.30 p.m. at the Old Cemetery, Trumpeldor Street, Tel Aviv.

The coffin will lie in state at the Head Office of the Bank, 27 Yehuda Halevi Street, Tel Aviv, from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m.

The funeral procession will leave from the Bank at 2.00 p.m.

Transportation will be provided from the Bank.

All offices of the Bank will close today at 12.30 p.m.

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and convey our heartfelt sympathies to the family.

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Battle of the bottles

Three small wineries claim gov't aiding their giant rival

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

EL AVIV. — Three of the country's smaller wineries have asked the state comptroller to look to alleged government "under-the-table" grants millions of dollars to the largest winery, Carmel Mizrahi.

At a press conference yesterday, Gideon Kotler, general manager of Stock and Yekvei Hamarfi, estimated the government's aid to Carmel Mizrahi at between \$14m. and \$15m.

Carmel Mizrahi is a cooperative owned by a large number of grape-growers, both in the private and Histadrut-affiliated moshav sectors.

Carmel Mizrahi controls about 70 per cent of wine and spirits market in Israel. The growers' Carmel Mizrahi also grow about 70 per cent of total wine grape output.

Because of these last two factors, the spokesman of the three small wineries yesterday said Carmel Mizrahi controls the market, and with government aid Carmel Mizrahi has been selling wine and spirits at prices below production costs.

Moshe Kostelitz, general manager of Eliaz winery, warned that all the small wineries will be

forced to close if the government does not stop subsidizing Carmel Mizrahi.

"At the prices that Carmel Mizrahi is selling its wines we cannot compete, and it will not be long before the investors from abroad who own Eliaz will have to decide what to do. I am afraid that the decision will be to close the winery."

Stock, which is also owned by foreign investors, might suffer a similar fate, Kotler said.

Benjamin Segal, general manager of Karmel Zion-Yamot Ashkelon, the only company of the three represented yesterday that is family-owned without foreign investors, said that during the past year his company did not make money, and he too might have to close.

If these three wineries close 300 workers will lose their jobs and more than 200 growers will not have a market; it was said.

The spokesmen also emphasized that the low prices will benefit the consumers only for a short period. They claimed that when Carmel-Mizrahi's free of competition, it will raise the price considerably.

Uri Kerner, who was recently appointed general manager of Carmel Mizrahi, told *The Jerusalem*

Post that his firm has not been receiving any money from the government "under-the-table." He said that the only money received from the government was about \$2m., given in an indirect way to the growers themselves and not to the winery.

He explained that the government forced them last year to buy all the grape harvest of their growers, even though they did not need it all. To compensate them for the interest and storage costs of the unneeded grapes that were turned into wine, the government granted them \$2m.

"We know we did not do anything unlawful and all the money we received was in a straightforward way, and we are not afraid of having the state comptroller check this matter," Kerner said.

Kerner admitted that he was responsible for the price war in wines. "For years the glove was on the other hand. The smaller wineries were competing with us by slashing price. Since I became manager I took several steps to fight back aggressively."

Kerner claims that the lower prices in wines is not below production prices. "Despite the low prices we are still making money. If they want to compete with us, they must become efficient the way we have."

A-G asked to bring Levinger to trial

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir will consider pleas sent to him from various quarters yesterday that Hebron Rabbi Moshe Levinger be tried for incitement to murder because of comments allegedly made by him in a letter on Sunday.

Calling deposed West Bank mayor Karim Khalaf and Bassam Bakka "inciters," Levinger reportedly said: "Their legs were cut off, but not their tongues." Referring to the Jewish underground defendants, some of whom are charged with placing the car bombs which wounded the mayors in 1980, the rabbi said that if the "25 young men" did not "rise and cut off their legs, he knows where we would be today."

Speaking at a memorial meeting on the 30th day after the killing — presumably by terrorists — of soldier Joshe Tamam in the West Bank, Levinger called for the defendants to be freed, since "they were doing what the government should be doing, defending Jewish blood."

Among those demanding that

Levinger be prosecuted was Shaka's and Khalaf's lawyer Felicia Langer. Zamir last night said he would consider the appeals to prosecute Levinger after they reached him and he had a chance to study what the rabbi actually said.

The storm over Levinger's statement followed a recent announcement by Zamir that he has asked the police to investigate possible incitement of little-used laws against incitement and libel of a group of persons. The subject of the probe is a Russian language weekly, *Ness*.

Under the headline, "The Jewish Underground — Boys with a mission," an article says: "We hope that the members of the underground did indeed rip off the legs of the mayors and kill a few young snakes at the Hebron College. Thank God we have boys like these!"

The editor of the journal, Rudy Portnoy, a new immigrant from the Soviet Union, said that the articles were meant to stimulate discussion. If found guilty of incitement, Portnoy could face a jail sentence of up to five years.

Electric Corp. blacks out Petah Tikva's city hall

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Israel Electric Corporation turned off the power at Petah Tikva city hall yesterday because the municipality has not paid its \$15.1 billion June Electricity bill.

The corporation spokesman said the municipality had tried to be "smart," by paying off the July bill, while the larger June bill was still outstanding.

The IEC did not accept this payment and was forced to cut supplies after the municipality refused to pay the June bill despite repeated warnings, he said.

He warned that power supplies to other public buildings in the town would be cut unless the bill is paid.

The IEC's action provoked a bitter response from the municipal spokesman. He said Petah Tikva, like other local authorities, was caught in the middle.

On the one hand, government

agencies demand payment for services, while on the other the Interior and Finance Ministries are consistently late in transferring funds to the authorities. Authorities like Petah Tikva have to borrow large sums at high rates of interest and cut down on development projects to maintain basic services.

"The Electric Corporation should disconnect the power supplies to the Interior and Finance Ministries and maybe then they would begin to understand our problems," he said.

The IEC also warned that it may cut power to Jerusalem's Kfar Shaul psychiatric hospital because of unpaid debts from June and July amounting to IS.1.4 million.

The corporation spokesman said that in the past the IEC has refrained from disconnecting electricity to sensitive places like hospitals. It may have no choice, however, unless the hospital administration pays its debts, he said.

Soviet policy against Jews denounced as 'Stalinist'

The Public Committee for Yosef Begun yesterday condemned Soviet policy toward Jews as "reminiscent of the days of Stalin."

The committee held an emergency session headed by Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer in his Jerusalem office. It noted that the Soviet Union has closed its gates to Jewish emigration and that activists who work for aliyah, teach Hebrew or propagate Jewish culture are persecuted, arrested and receive heavy punishment.

Hammer expressed concern over reports that Begun's condition has worsened following a recent hunger strike. The committee discussed ways to arouse public opinion in Israel and abroad over the situation of Soviet Jewry, and the minister said he would ask the new government to renew the public struggle for Soviet Jewish rights.

In Tel Aviv yesterday, the Public Council for Soviet Jewry announced that official harassment against Soviet Jews has been stepped up recently, particularly against teachers of Hebrew. Last Friday, it said, the KGB again searched the apartment of Yuli Edelstein, who was previously arrested on what activists say is a trumped-up drug charge. The secret police seized copies of various newspapers and impounded copies of complaints against the previous search filed by his wife Tanya.

The council reported that Soviet Jewish activists are amazed that the Israeli government is not trying to arouse world public opinion on their behalf and are disappointed at the absence of a significant official Israeli reaction to their plight.

The council also released a copy of an appeal sent recently by 11 Soviet Jewish activists to Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko informing him of "the recent dangerous activities of the KGB against Jews who are struggling for the right of the Jewish people to emigrate to Eretz Yisrael."

The signatories, several of them relatives of those imprisoned for "anti-Soviet" Jewish activities, demanded Chernenko halt the "illegal KGB actions immediately."

Identical test-tube twins born at Sheba

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The birth yesterday of identical twin boys to a couple who had been trying for 10 years to have a child was not greeted with much surprise at the Maternity Division at Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer, where test-tube babies are becoming so common as to be almost unremarkable.

Prof. David Serr, director of the division, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that *in vitro* (test tube) fertilization already succeeds in a higher percentage of cases than

natural fertilization. Serr said that of eggs fertilized *in vitro* (naturally) only 33 per cent develop into full-term pregnancies, while in test tube fertilizations the rate of success is already over 35 per cent and climbing.

Serr also said that of these successful births, multiple pregnancies comprise 40 per cent, making twins or triplets unremarkable.

The latest twins, delivered by Caesarean section, weighed 2.5 and 2.3 kilos and were reported to be in fine condition.

Salvation Army plans Jerusalem conference

The Salvation Army, the Protestant religious movement known for its missionary and social work, is due to appear in full force in Jerusalem next spring.

Salvation Army Col. Lowrie Fisher yesterday called upon Tourism Minister Avraham Shari and told him that the organization, which numbers some 2.5 million members, has decided to hold its annual international congress in Jerusalem next April.

An as yet undetermined number of delegates are expected from 22 countries. During the congress, members will attend lectures and tour the country's religious sites.

TRAFFIC — Motorists yesterday were warned to expect traffic delays in the Balisa quarter of Haifa due to the partial closure of the Rushmiah bridge for safety tests.

School year starting in Judea/Samaria

NABLUS (Itim). — The school year starts today in Arab schools in Judea and Samaria with 223,000 pupils attending classes. A total of 7,670 teachers will be instructing them, 70 more than last year.

The head of the Judea and Samaria civil administration, Aluf-Mishne Freddy Zach, told school principals yesterday that the administration would try to increase the number of teachers and expand and improve school buildings.

He also promised to try to get teachers a special payment in addition to the regular cost-of-living allowance.

BUTCHERS. — Fifty apprentice butchers have begun the first of a series of training courses organized by the country's meat-processing plants to fill a lack of qualified butchers and to increase local and export production.



Officer Michal yesterday begins her first day of duty as a Jerusalem policewoman by giving a summons with a smile. (Rahamim Israeli)

Israelis still prefer holiday abroad

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The spectre of economic instability seems to be making Israelis think twice about taking a holiday inside the country, but is making them more eager than ever to travel abroad, travel agents in Jerusalem revealed yesterday.

"There are rooms to be had everywhere, in every price bracket, although not necessarily in the most sought-after hotels," Adeena Brand of the Promised Land agency told *The Jerusalem Post*. Even kibbutz guest houses, which are normally booked solid long before Succot, have some vacancies for the holiday, she said.

During Rosh Hashana, which this year with Shabbat makes a three-day weekend, even more space is available. The only places with no room are guest houses at Orthodox kibbutzim, she said.

Generally, she noted, prices are

high. A popular kibbutz guest house is charging \$85 per day for a double room with half-board and a seaside five-star resort hotel \$135, both including VAT. But there are cheaper accommodations, she added.

Netanya, for example, has had a slow year and, perhaps as a result, a double room with half-board in a four-star hotel there is going for \$71 on Rosh Hashana and \$62 during Succot. The prices have not gone down in Eilat but some hotels are full, although there is no problem finding a room in the Red Sea resort which traditionally fills up with Israelis during holidays.

Even Tiberias, which this summer had problems with visitors sleeping in the parks and buying out the grocery stores, has rooms available.

Generally, she said, Israelis are staying away from hotels within the country when they charge their regular rates. It is only when they offer a bargain that local people are

attracted.

Meanwhile, Mark Feldman, of Ziontours, said there has been no letup in the number of Israelis planning to go abroad. He said that most are headed for such traditional package tour spots as Palma de Mallorca. Those headed for further destinations are usually immigrants planning to spend the High Holy Days with their families.

Potential travellers do not seem deterred by the \$100 travel tax and the 15 per cent surcharge on dollars, he said. If anything, they are eager to leave before stiffer restrictions are imposed.

Evidently for the same reasons, the El Al and Maof offers of tickets purchased now for a set price for a year are selling very well. People are hoping that by buying now, they will evade any future taxes which may be imposed, he said.

"Everyone is paying in cash," he added.

Congress to focus on treating disaster victims

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Government officials, national-planning and civil defence experts, policemen, firemen, geologists, sociologists, economists and health professionals are among the specialists who will attend the second international congress in Israel on disaster management at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel next week.

At a press conference yesterday, Dr. Yaacov Adler, director of the emergency room at Shaare Zedek Hospital, said about 150 foreign guests are expected, including participants from India, Taiwan and Hungary, and about 250 Israelis.

"At the first congress held six years ago in Safad, we invited only doctors," he said. "This time, the

approach is interdisciplinary."

On the final day of the three-day congress (September 19), there will be a rescue exercise and a Jerusalem hospital will demonstrate its ability to treat a large number of "disaster victims" quickly and efficiently.

There will be an exhibition, open to the public, of the latest rescue and emergency medical equipment, including mobile operating rooms. A simulated computer exercise in disaster management prepared by the British Army's Royal College of Science with the help of IBM, Israel will also be on display.

There will be workshops on prevention of serious damage from earthquakes through proper building standards and by building in areas not at high seismic risk, and on the

socioeconomic and psychological aspects of disasters.

The Israeli and American experience in Lebanon, the British experience in the Falkland Islands and the short and long-term psychological effects of the terrorist attack in Ma'alot are a few of the topics to be discussed.

Prof. Reuben Eidar of the Ben-Gurion University Medical School said there will be workshops devoted to purely clinical medical subjects, such as how to treat burns and other types of injuries common in disaster situations. Attention will be focused on programmes to train medical students, nurses and practical physicians to deal with large-scale disaster situations.

Israel to host broadcasting symposium

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 20th annual economics symposium of the European Broadcasting Union is to open next Sunday at Jerusalem's Ramada Renaissance hotel.

Some 55 representatives of 25 of the largest broadcasting networks in Europe are due to attend.

Israel Broadcasting Authority's finance director Yohanan Tzangan told the press yesterday that this is to be the best attended EBU economics symposium to date.

This will be the first time in eight years that the EBU has held a symposium in Israel — the previous occasion being a gathering of the directors of sports departments. Four years prior to that, Israel was the venue for an assembly of directors of news departments.

The various committees of the EBU hold between 8-10 symposia each year in member countries, said

Tzangan. There was opposition to Israel as a venue from representatives of Arab member countries such as Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Lebanon. None of these countries is represented in the EBU Economic Committee, however, said Tzangan, and thus Israel was accepted as host country.

Subjects to be discussed at the symposium include fiscal policy on the acquisition of foreign productions, the ratio between foreign and local productions, pension rights and fiscal administration.

SAPIR COLLEGE. — The IDF is to transfer IS10 million from the Israel Defence Fund to the Sapir Regional College in Sha'ar Hanegbe. The money will be used to purchase equipment and teaching aids for the college, where about 600 students prepare for their matriculation examinations.

Immigration up 4%

Immigration increased by 4 per cent in August compared to July, the Immigration Absorption Ministry has announced.

August saw 1,497 immigrants and temporary residents arrive in Israel, 57 more than in July, but still a low compared to August 1983's 2,577 immigrants.

The largest group — 418 — came from North America, with 384 of those from the U.S. Some 450 people immigrated from Western Europe and some 150 from Eastern Europe, 19 of them from the Soviet Union.

Some 300 returning residents registered with the ministry, 100 more than in July.

DEDICATED. — A Wizo club was dedicated yesterday in the Circassian village of Rehania. The Wizo chapter in Rehania has been active for about two years and has 100 members.

The most beautiful Jew in the world

Jerusalem Post Staff

An international Jewish beauty contest is to be held in the U.S. in December to celebrate what its sponsors consider "the finest attributes of Jewish womanhood": physical beauty, spiritual beauty and commitment to a life of service to humanity.

The contest is open to Jewish women throughout the world aged 16 through 26, who will compete in no preliminaries, one semi-final

and then a grand finale for the title of "Ms. International Jewish Beauty."

Contestants will be required to appear in a bathing suit and in an evening gown, and to present a brief speech about "themselves, their beliefs and their aspirations."

The sponsoring agency in New York believes the First Annual International Jewish Beauty Pageant "will enable the contestants to experience both self-fulfillment and a strong sense of participation in the community of Jewish women."

JK urged to be more active in M.E.

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ONDON. — Yehuda Avner, Israel's ambassador in London, has urged on Britain to play a more active role in helping to solve the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Addressing a meeting of the Social Democratic Party Friends of Israel held in Buxton, Derbyshire, on Sunday night, he said there is "a role which Britain can and must play in helping to bring peace and security to our part of the world." What he had in mind for Britain was not "a

global role, not a role of dramatic initiatives," but more of a supportive role for America.

Avner described the SDP as "an emerging political force in the United Kingdom."

At the SDP annual conference which began yesterday, the Arab League distributed literature calling on the SDP to follow the Liberal Party policy on the Middle East. The Liberals, under the influence largely of the Young Liberals, adopt a more pro-Arab line than the other main parties.

Weizmann professor redesigns binoculars

IEHOVOT. — Binoculars with enhanced perception of depth have been designed by Prof. Yitzhak Steinberg of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Steinberg, dean of the institute's faculty of chemistry, has long been interested in optical devices, some of which he uses in his daily research. He realized that poor three-dimensional appreciation of scenes viewed through binoculars stems from the traditional design of these instruments, a pair of precisely parallel monocular telescopes.

A theoretical analysis of the optics

of binoculars combined with his knowledge of stereoscopic visual-perception provided him with a simple solution to overcome image flatness.

"If you just modify binoculars to include the possibility of optimizing the angles between the telescopes for the object or scene under observation, the three-dimensional effect can be significantly enhanced," he said.

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Context

The Post's Judy Siegel-Itzkovich talks to the director of a new 'advisory centre on propaganda'



Above: Two scenes from the Nazi adaptation of Lion Feuchtwanger's historical novel 'Jew Süss,' which was used as anti-Semitic propaganda. Right: Baruch Gitlis...revolution through films.

A SAN FRANCISCO rabbi was recently offered free use of a film called *History of Zionism*. Jumping at the opportunity, he invited prominent members of his congregation as well as non-Jewish community leaders to see the film. As the screening progressed, they were all horrified to learn that it was an anti-Israel and anti-Semitic film, produced by the PLO.

Dr. Baruch Gitlis, director of the Harry Karren-Israel Institute for Propaganda Analysis in Herzliya, related the incident to illustrate the wide dissemination of Arab films in the Free World. Gitlis, who lectures in mass communications and propaganda at Tel Aviv and Bar-Ilan universities, says the films are part of an organized Arab effort to delegitimize Israel through the use of the media.

The institute was established three years ago when the film collection of Harry Karren, a Hollywood film producer and supporter of Israel, was brought to Israel. Karren, who died in 1981, had collected 60 films produced by the Nazis and the PLO

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as a propaganda weapon against the Jews. Gitlis met Karren when he asked to use some of the films for his doctoral research of Nazi propaganda at the University of Southern California. After his death, Karren's family asked him to set up the institute.

Working out of Herzliya's Yad LeBanim, the institute employs 12 part-time researchers - psychologists, social scientists, historians and communications experts - who conduct studies and seminars. The institute plans an eventual centre of its own.

As a result, the institute developed seminars for those interested in propaganda research. So far, 4,000 overseas students - both Jewish and non-Jewish - have attended the seminars, learning how to conduct monitoring of TV news abroad.

"We showed them how 'faulty by implication' is used in the media," said Gitlis in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*. "For example, there was a report of 10 respiratory machines in Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, and then a report about a shortage of such machines in Ramallah Hospital, with Arab children suffering. The implication is that Jews are anti-Arab and do not care if

Arab children die for lack of machines, which is not true. Many Arab youngsters are treated at Hadassah."

The institute recently conducted an experiment in West Germany, instructing some of its seminar graduates there to monitor TV news broadcasts, looking for misinformation regarding Israel. When the graduates found unfair treatment of Israel, they complained to local media chiefs, who later made corrections or apologies on the air. Gitlis hopes to do the same with American students.

"We have become an advisory centre on propaganda," says Gitlis, who has produced many information films in the past for Israeli institutions and organizations. However, as the head of a non-political institute, he turns down all requests for

advice from political parties.

The institute recently acquired an important collection of 450 propaganda films produced by the PLO and is now conducting intensive research. Gitlis predicts that future findings will bring a "revolution" to Israeli information efforts through the use of film.

HE NOTES that until the 1970s, Arab propaganda films consisted of political messages regarding the refugees and the need for a Palestinian state. But today, he continues, the films are strictly anti-Semitic. "Israeli soldiers are portrayed as rapists and murderers," he says. Films have been edited to imply that Israeli soldiers exhume the graves of the enemy and extract gold teeth from the mouths. The message of the films is that Israelis are Nazis. Many of the Arab films even use clippings

from Nazi propaganda films.

This attempt to delegitimize Israel and portray the country as racist, notes Gitlis, is "an organized, coordinated effort. The PLO has a propaganda department." Even American TV has fallen prey to this. A leftist group in the U.S. is now making a film called *Sabra, Shantila S.S.*, which will be screened on U.S. channels.

Zionist and Jewish archives are also the unwitting victims. Innocent-looking customers buy historical films that are then manipulated by editors and turned into anti-Israel films.

The Harry Karren Institute now has 1,000 Arab and Palestinian films in its collection - some of which were purchased and some lent by private collectors. These provide raw material for the researchers.

Gitlis, who is the author of a book on Nazi film propaganda, states that Nazi propagandist Josef Goebbels used film to spread anti-Semitism since he knew that the masses didn't read books. Instead, they went to the cinema. Anti-Semitic films were regular fare during Hitler's reign. The institute plans a conference on Nazi propaganda films to be held in Jerusalem next March.

The institute is supported by the Karren family, the Herzliya municipality and by fees paid by seminar participants. After realizing that the institute has become an expert in the field, says Gitlis, the World Zionist Organization, the Foreign Ministry and the Israel Defense Forces are sending representatives to its seminars.

Gitlis concludes that the only way to counter the anti-Israel film propaganda is for volunteers to set up monitoring groups throughout the West in order to pressure television stations to eschew propaganda that is being broadcast innocently or with malice.



Dorothy and James Nelson in Tel Aviv

ON THEIR SEVENTH visit to Israel, perhaps the most encouraging thing Judges Dorothy and James Nelson of California found was that "everybody tells us of their concern at the election of Rabbi Kahane to the Knesset. How much better than if we had to say how terrible it is."

Dorothy Nelson sits on the bench of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and was invited to attend the sixth International Congress of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, held in Jerusalem at the end of August, where she spoke on "Good Faith in International Relations."

She came with her husband, James, who is a judge of the Los Angeles Municipal Court. Both are Baha'is and elected members of the faith's national governing council in the U.S. He is chairman and she treasurer. It was therefore natural for them to come to Haifa to visit the Baha'i World Centre and the shrines

The judicial Nelsons

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER / Jerusalem Post Reporter

here and in Acre.

Originally Christians, the Nelsons became Baha'is during their U.C.L.A. Law School days 30 years ago, attracted by the equality and brotherhood the faith preaches.

They believe in good faith in all human relations, and their attitude to international relations is an extrapolation from their judicial experience.

"There should and can be good faith instead of an adversarial mode," said Dorothy. "We favour mediation, conciliation and if necessary arbitration."

She and her husband both prefer non-judicial resolutions of conflicts. These have the added advantage of saving the high cost of litigation and the delays in court procedures, which appear to be no less aggravating in the U.S. than in Israel.

"For Baha'is it's natural to come together, consult and express views," she said. "Meeting and dis-

cussing builds up trust for future relations. We all have some common interests, whether it's in personal disputes, corporation differences or international relations, where if nothing else, there is the common interest in avoiding nuclear war."

In divorce proceedings, for example, "mutual charges are the worst way of parting, leaving bitterness and even more adversely affecting the children." In California "no fault" divorce was introduced 10 years ago, with the specific purpose of avoiding such accusation, and now, at least 40 of the states have adopted it.

BEFORE she was appointed to the bench in 1981, Judge Dorothy Nelson, who is 55, served for 13 years as dean of the University of Southern California Law School. She has maintained close ties with colleagues in Israel since 1965, when Professor Aharon Barak, now a justice of the Supreme Court, asked her to give a guest lecture in his family law class at the Hebrew University. Later, she was instrumental in establishing the

Ben-Gurion Lectureship exchange between her university and the Hebrew and Tel Aviv Universities.

Her husband, two years her senior, also lectures on civil and criminal procedure at the California State Judicial College.

In Haifa, they were guests of honour at a luncheon given by the Haifa University, where they discussed its plans to establish a law faculty. They agreed that there already are quite a lot of lawyers in Israel and that the volume of litigation tends to rise with the increase in their number. But they advocate more students trained in law who will bring their training to bear in other fields and work for the settlement of disputes other than by litigation.

Returning to the Kahane phenomenon, and the abuse of freedom and democracy in order to undermine them, they hold that "you can't really be free unless you obey the law. Freedom is not doing everything you might want to do. That reduces you to the status of animals, and animals are not really free."

THE ROLE OF VICTIM

By YITZHAK ARTZI / Special to The Jerusalem Post

McEnroe the m... aims higher yet

NEW YORK (AP) - Wimbledon champion John McEnroe, who won his fourth title last year, said he aims to win the U.S. Open and the French Open this year.

abroad contain detailed documentary evidence testifying to the real nature of the Iron Guard and its leaders. These documents, which include articles, parts of speeches and recordings by Trifa and his colleagues, expose the image and active role of the students within the larger movement.

An Israeli academic, Professor Bela Vago of Haifa University, has produced a scientific and very thorough piece of research which details the history and actions of the "Legionnaires," including details of Trifa's status and position.

THE IRON GUARD was, in fact, a Rumanian version of the German SS, although there was some originality in its adaptation to local spirit, belief and folklore and popular Rumanian myths and mysticism. The "legionary police," uniforms, work regimen and *modus operandi* were a blend of Mussolini's Fascists

and Himmler's SS.

The students comprised the backbone of the Iron Guard, the core of its command and its intellectual centre. From here sprang the manipulations of crowds. And Valerian - then Viorel - Trifa was their spiritual mentor.

The students' group was also the active centre of the movement's police, which became "a state within a state."

THE NOTORIOUS Rebellionea revolt of January 1941, which ended in the murder of 300 people, including 170 Jews mostly from Bucharest, can be laid largely at the door of this police force.

During this period, it attempted to unseat the "moderate" Antonescu and usurp his power; it went out into the streets of Bucharest and initiated a series of attacks on Jewish homes and businesses, spreading terror and turning the quarter into a wasteland.

In one incident, a group of 30 members of a Jewish pioneer youth movement, including this writer, was placed under arrest. Subjected to unspeakable tortures and humiliations, they remained alive only by a miracle. Most of that group now live in Israel, and can recall the period in every detail.

One day before the revolt, Trifa incited his followers to go out against the "Judeo-Communists." Once the revolt was over, his ambition was to become minister in the government of Iron Guard leader Sima, then deputy prime minister, who headed the abortive insurrection.

But the calculations of the Germans, who were preparing to attack

Soviet Russia, led them to support Antonescu instead of the Iron Guard and, consequently, the revolt failed. But Germany saved the perpetrators from retribution, removing them to the fatherland under protection.

And Trifa, instead of becoming government minister, became a "protected person," living at German expense in various barracks, including those at Dachau concentration camp. Apparently for this reason, he feels he should be considered a victim of the Germans.

IT WOULD BE interesting to know on what Trifa bases his claim that his movement, which surrendered unconditionally to the Nazis, can be portrayed as an anti-Nazi movement. The fact that he was forced, at the age of 70, to leave the United States, the stronghold of his ecumenical power, and begin the life of an exile, is certainly some vindication of the concept of crime and punishment.

Two things are beyond doubt: Valerian Trifa was the leader of a Rumanian-style Nazi movement. His incitement led to the extermination of Rumanian Jews. In Israel and Portugal - and everywhere else in the world - he should be regarded as a war criminal who has not yet been brought to justice.

Instead of regretting his actions, Trifa is attempting to present himself, today as he did then, as the victim of an internal Jewish conspiracy.

Whatever the developments in the matter, it is imperative that the Israeli authorities hand over immediately to the Portuguese all the material in their possession on the Iron Guard and on Trifa. Possibly there is even justification for suggesting that Portugal send an official investigator to Israel to interview witnesses and flesh out the historical material with first-hand information. In any event, the Portuguese ought to be made aware whom they are dealing with.

This is the minimum we should do until we change our law to allow Trifa to be brought to Israel to stand trial.

A welcome choice

MUSIC / Esther Reuter

VOCAL CONCERT. Miryam Laron and Esther Baumwell, soprano; Sammy Becher, tenor; Mordechai Ben-Shahar, baritone with Alexander Tarski, piano. Haifa Museum, August 18. Operatic selections from Mozart: *The Marriage of Figaro*, *The Magic Flute*; Verdi: *Rigoletto* La Traviata; Puccini: *Tosca*; Rossini: *The Barber of Seville*; Leoncavallo: *I Pagliacci*; Bizet: *Cardillac*; Strauss: *Die Fledermaus* etc., musicals, songs.

THIS VOCAL evening was a varied summer treat. The participants, all former members of the Israel National Opera, presented a welcome choice of favourites from operas, operettas, musicals and Neapolitan songs. Humorous explanations of the plots added to the informal atmosphere of the whole presentation.

Soprano Esther Baumwell sang the demanding coloratura arias with

ease - Rosina from Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* and Gilda from Verdi's *Rigoletto* in a clean, thin voice.

The dramatic arias were well performed by tenor Sammy Becher, who displayed good vocal quality, volume and personal involvement.

Buffoonery, lively acting and humour were amply provided by soprano Miryam Laron and baritone Mordechai Ben-Shahar, in their amusing duets from various operas and operettas. One felt temperament and joy and most of all sincerity in the rendition of this programme, which was both attractive and enjoyable. Alexander Tarski was, on the whole, a reliable accompanist. The generous applause from the audience was well-earned.

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Leumi profit \$8.74m. at half-year

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Bank Leumi group announced a profit of \$2,065 million, or \$8.74m., for the January-June 1984 period. This compares with a loss of \$27.6m. for the first half of 1983 and of \$71m. for the whole of 1983.

Leumi has thus succeeded in matching the other banks in swinging from loss to profit in the course of the first half of this year, and has re-established itself as the largest and most profitable bank in the country, a shade ahead of Haapoalim.

Leumi chairman Ernest Japhet said yesterday he was "quite satisfied" with the results, since they represented a fundamental change of direction away from the losses of last year, and the beginning of a return to higher profit levels. The accumulation of profits was, at this stage, the primary means of building up the bank's capital, he noted, since the situation of the bank, and the economy as a whole, did not permit the floating of new issues at present.

However, both Japhet and other senior officers were emphatic in stating that the small profit announced was only a first step on a long and difficult road. In order to eliminate the possibility of nationalisation of the banks through the government's exercising of its guarantee to holders of the banks' shares, as outlined in the "arrangement" of October 1983, the rate of return on equity achieved by Leumi, and the other big banks,

will have to increase manifold, he said.

According to the results published yesterday, Leumi achieved a return on equity of 3 per cent on an annual basis. This is slightly less than the 3.40 per cent reported by Haapoalim, but much more than Discount or Mizrahi achieved. In any event, even the best of these figures is only a fraction of what is needed by 1988 — a fact openly admitted by the heads of the banks.

Leumi's figures, in the unaudited and limited form that is the norm for half-yearly reports, show that the total balance-sheet of the group fell by 3.2 per cent, in inflation-adjusted terms. This reduction, from \$5,134 billion (\$21.76b.) at the end of 1983, to \$4,975b. (\$21.08b.), was mainly caused by a fall in the balance sheet of Bank Leumi Trust, of New York, of some \$500m. This, in turn, was due to the sale of unprofitable assets by the New York subsidiary, in order to maintain the capital assets ratio demanded by the authorities in the U.S.

In this connection, Japhet told *The Jerusalem Post* that the level of profitability of the group's overseas branches and subsidiaries had increased in almost every case, with particular success being scored by the Swiss operation in terms of percentage growth, and of the U.S. subsidiaries, which showed the largest absolute gains in profit. Spokesmen for the bank drew attention to the cost-cutting efforts

made in the course of 1984. In Leumi these efforts found expression in the reduction of the workforce by some 2,000 persons, out of the 13,000 employees in the group at the end of September 1983. Overtime costs were slashed by over 50 per cent, and, most significantly, the 1984 wage agreement effectively defers wage increases until January 1985.

A total of 34 branches, including 10 hotel service counters, have been closed so far this year, and several more are slated to follow in the remaining months of 1984.

Above all, major savings were achieved by cancelling, deferring and drawing out building projects, and only those which were judged to be of great urgency were continued. Leumi claims a reduction of \$50m. on expenses in this department alone. However, it is not the "saving" of expenses which is relevant in the short term, but the freeing of large sums of money for alternative uses, such as investment on interest and loans, rather than tying it up in real estate and equipment, which has the largest and most immediate impact on the bank's profit-and-loss figures.

As with the other banks, Leumi's management noted that the introduction of positive interest rates, in real terms, for both borrowers and lenders, and the maintenance of a large margin of profit between the two, was a major factor in boosting the bank's income.

Dollarization could reduce retail prices, survey shows

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Starting the cost of all goods and services in dollars would probably reduce prices by 10 to 15 per cent, according to a survey just completed by the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce.

The federation noticed that the "dollarization" trend was gathering support, and many businessmen were not only pricing their goods and services in the U.S. currency, but were even using the "forward" rate of the dollar for payments to be made in the future.

According to the survey, financing of goods accounted for about 5 per cent of retail prices in August 1983. By this August, however, the financing accounted for 10 per cent. And in some fields, such as toys and lumber, financing accounted for 14 and 20 per cent of prices.

The high cost of financing has led many suppliers to reduce the length of credit they give retailers from 60

days to 30 days. In some cases they even demanded cash payment to avoid all problems of credit.

Among many businessmen there is a definite tendency to fix prices in the dollar equivalent of the day when payment is made. That is to say, the wholesale price is fixed in dollars, according to the representative rate, and when the retailer makes payment, he does so in shekels according to the new representative rate. This eliminates "guesswork" and uncertainty. If the calculations were made in shekels, it would be difficult because of inflation to predict the correct amount to be added to the original price. As a result, many businessmen add excessive interest charges in order to cover themselves against unexpected rises in the cost-of-living index.

The survey also showed that the additional costs incurred by retailers who could not pay spot cash and had to use credit were "liberally" added on to retail prices.

According to Japhet, "one of the most encouraging developments of the last half-year has been the considerably reduced level of government intervention, both in the form of unjustified taxation and in allowing the banks to set realistic commission and service charges." As a result of this new trend, and the positive results that it has brought, he said, "we are now far more confident that we will overcome the problems that came about in the money and capital markets in the last two years, and the banking system will regain its central position in the development of the economy."

Opec production was down in August

NICOSIA. (AP) — Total crude oil production by the 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) in August fell to 16.4 million barrels per day, 1.1m. below the quota ceiling of 17.5m., a weekly oil journal reported yesterday.

The well-informed Middle East Economic Survey (Mees) said the August figure of 16.4 million barrels compared with the estimated Opec



David Stern (IPPA)

Builders to make minimum demands on new gov't

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The country's private builders want an urgent meeting with the new minister of finance, the housing minister and with other members of the new government's economic cabinet.

According to former MK David Stern, president of the Federation of Contractors and Builders, a list of "minimum demands" will be handed to the new ministers in view of the crisis now faced by the private building sector. Among the demands are:

- Maintenance of a "floor" on new building starts, at 4.5 to 5 million square metres per year.
- Consultation with the federation before any official decisions are made on freezing building projects.
- Allocation of more state lands for residential buildings.
- Relief from alleged tax "iniquities" facing private builders.
- Stronger measures to prevent formation of cartels in the building industry.
- Withholding of government-sponsored construction projects from non-registered building contractors.

Stern will meet with leaders of the federation on Sunday, to formulate in detail the programme they hope to bring before the ministers after the new government is sworn in.

Fresh strategic planning pays off Israel Chemicals surges ahead

By MACABEE DEAN

TEL AVIV. — The "strategic shift" in the policies of Israel Chemicals Limited (ICL), from selling raw materials to upgrading these same products to more expensive and sought-after ones, is paying off handsomely.

This was stated recently by Yoram Ziv, director general of the ICL complex, which derives its main raw materials from the Dead Sea and the Negev phosphate operations.

He added that ICL was going ahead with a new type of strategic planning, aimed at "cross-fertilization" between ICL's various activities, so they would operate more as a whole. These steps included setting up ICL projects, which was an engineering and management company in the field of chemicals, and ICL Industries, which initiated new projects in the field of chemicals, and also ICL Trade, which specialized in promoting international sales.

Only two of ICL's companies lost money in the 1983/84 fiscal year, one



Yoram Ziv (Fachs)

was Timna Copper, and the other Mifalei Tovava (the transport company). No details were given of these losses, but they were said to be "small." As for the other affiliates of ICL, Glini Chemie (West Germany) made a profit of DM 10 million (about \$3m.) in the 1983/84 fiscal year, compared to DM 7.9 million in the previous year.

The Dead Sea Works had profits of \$40m. (compared to only \$7.7m. in 1982/83); the Bromide complex earned \$13m. in 1983/84 (\$2.3m. in the previous year); Fertilizers and Chemicals ended the fiscal year with a profit of \$7m., compared to a loss of \$2.5m. in the previous year; Negev Phosphates had a profit of \$5m. (a \$10m. loss the previous year); and Rotem Fertilizers turned 1982/83's \$1m. loss into a \$2.3m. profit in 1983/84.

"Despite depressed conditions on the international market, we increased exports from \$317m. in 1982/83 to \$330m. in the last fiscal year," Ziv said.

He noted that a good example of ICL's strategy was buying Amsterdam Fertilizers (Amfert), which increased the sale of phosphates in Europe, and handled 600,000 tons of phosphates, about one-quarter of Israel's production. Moreover, this Dutch company helped ICL to handle about one half of the sale of super triple phosphates in Western Europe.

Wrangle over cooking oil and soya imports

By DAVID RUDGE

HAIFA. — The local labour council yesterday ordered dockers not to handle imported cooking oil or soya grain animal feed.

The action is in support of Israeli producers who maintain that government subsidies are too low.

The six firms concerned, three of which are owned by the Histadrut, have reduced output as part of their protest. They maintain that the money they get for the subsidized soya cooking oil is barely enough to cover production costs. The factories also supply animal feed to farmers from the grain residue.

The government, retaliated by allowing a 10,000 ton import of soya animal feed, which arrived at the port here recently and was immediately delivered to kibbutzim. The government has also warned that it would authorize imports of cheap cooking oil unless the local manufacturers returned to regular production.

The Haifa Labour Council spokesman said that despite the recent 82 per cent increase in the price

of cooking oil, the producers were still not getting enough money to cover their costs.

The council secretariat, which met yesterday, agreed to support the cooking oil manufacturers in their struggle. Council secretary Moshe Wertman called on his counterparts in Ashdod and Eilat to pass similar resolutions to prevent all imports of foreign cooking oil and animal feed.

On another item the secretariat opposed the Citrus Marketing

Board's proposal to centralize its export operations at Ashdod. It present 65 per cent of citrus is exported via Haifa and the remainder through Ashdod.

The Haifa Port stevedores say they want at least 50 per cent of the citrus cargo to be handled at Haifa and they will fight any attempts to reduce that figure. The Labour Council agreed to support the stevedores in whatever action they may take.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL: 8.15 School Broadcasts 15.00 Everyman's University: Immunology; Bach: Viewpoint 16.00 Gold and Jewels 16.25 No Score 17.00 A New Evening — live magazine

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES: 17.30 Baker Street Boys: The Adventure of the disappearing Dispatch Case (part 1) 18.00 3, 4, 5 18.25 News

ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes: 18.30 News roundup 18.32 Cartoons 18.45 What's the Answer? 19.00 The Bestin Zoo 19.30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup

20.02 Love, Sidney — American series starring Tony Randall, Soosie Kirtz and Robert Kirtz. Part 5: Just Bells

20.30 Kolobek — consumer magazine

21.00 Mabat Newsweek

21.30 Second Look — news commentary and background

21.30 Return to Eden. Part 3 of a 6-part drama starring Rebecca Gilling, James Rayner and Wendy Hughes

22.55 Sofa Discussion — Zvi Yarni talks to Prof. Yeshayahu Leibowitz

23.25 News

JORDAN TV (unofficial): 17.30 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 18.30 (JTV 3) Science Film 19.00 News in French 19.30 News in Hebrew 19.45 Magazine Zero One 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Take a Leap Mr. Jones 21.30 Drama 22.00 News in English 22.15 Wagner

MIDDLE EAST TV (from T.A. north): 13.00 Westport Hospital 13.30 Another Life 14.00 700 Club 14.30 Shape-up 15.00 Allentown Movie 16.30 Spiderman 17.00 Papyrus 17.30 Flying Home 18.00 Laraine 19.00 Bonanza 20.00 Another Life 20.30 World News Tonight 21.00 Entertainment Special WKRP Cincinnati 21.30 White Shadow 22.30 1 Spy 23.00 700 Club 23.50 News Update

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7.07 Mozart: Variations for Harp

7.30 Groucho: Benson Concerto in G major; Beethoven: Symphony No.1 in D major; Op. 36; Grieg: Piano Concerto in A minor; Liszt: Mazette, symphonic poem; Chopin: Ballade, No.4 in F minor, Op.52

9.30 Mendelssohn: String Quartet in A minor (Melo); Haydn: Piano Concerto; Saint-Saens: Symphony No.1 in E-flat major (Frankfurt, 1941); Brahms: Sonata No.2 for Cello and Piano in F major, Op.99; Vaughan Williams: Fantasia on a Theme by Tallis; Franck: Prayer in C-sharp minor, Op.20 (Costa)

10.30 Schumann: Sonata for Violin and Piano in A minor, Op.105; Brahms: songs; Brahms: String Quartet in C minor, Op.51/1

11.05 Grieg: Peer Gynt (Popp, St. Martin, Mariner); Sibelius: Violin Concerto; Tchaikovsky: Suite from the Nutcracker (IPO, Mehta)

11.50 Music Quiz

16.00 Youth Concert

16.30 Mozart: Trio No.4 in B-flat major, L.502; Stravinsky: Rite of Spring; Brahms: Trio in B major, Op.8

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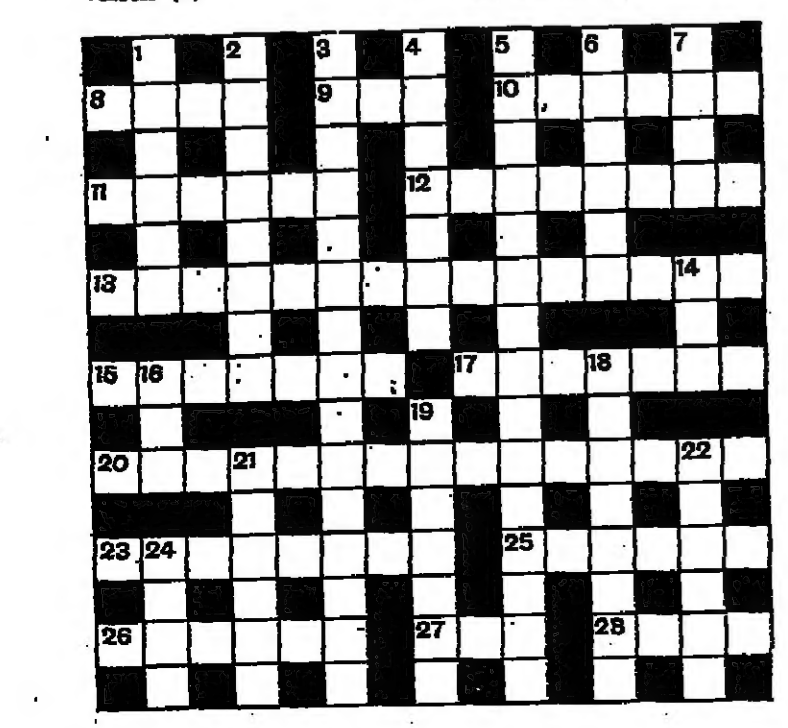
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Fear of the Treasury

ABBA EBAN hit the nail squarely on the head yesterday at the Labour Party central committee when he said that most speeches would be against the Labour-Likud government coalition, but the votes would be in favour of it.

Mr. Eban's prediction seems to have been borne out earlier in the day by the action of the Labour-affiliated United Kibbutz Movement central committee which voted to oppose the unity coalition — and then went on to approve the seating of a kibbutz minister at the new cabinet table.

On the other side of the political fence, Herut leaders such as David Levy and Ariel Sharon, who opposed the very idea of collaboration with the Labour "enemy" in a unity government, have now come around to supporting it. This is especially true of Mr. Sharon who, ironically, has attained from Labour the political and moral rehabilitation he was denied by former premier Menachem Begin and by outgoing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

There are admittedly many hard pills to swallow for true-believers on both sides of the fence. The only lubrication available to help keep those pills from sticking in the throat is the argument of Premier-designate Shimon Peres, reiterated by Mr. Yitzhak Navon on the Labour side and by Mr. Shamir in Herut, that there was simply no alternative. Or rather, that the only alternative was going to the polls again, a prospect that should make the country, the politicians and the parties, with their campaign-depleted coffers, blanch in unison.

Besides the deeply felt emotional opposition in Labour to the rehabilitation of Mr. Sharon by a Labour-led government, most of the criticism of the Peres-Shamir agreement has focused on Peres' consent to relinquish the major economic portfolios to the Likud.

This is partly a function of the insistence of the foremost Labour leaders to concentrate nearly exclusively on foreign and defence affairs. In a parity agreement, Peres' insistence on having first go at the premiership and on ensuring the defence ministry for his long-time rival, Yitzhak Rabin, has meant that the other major ministries — and especially the Treasury — would go to the Likud.

But there is another element in Peres' easy acquiescence in surrendering the Treasury. His position is reminiscent of Mr. David Levy's horror on being offered the Treasury a year ago, after the forced resignation of former finance minister Yoram Aridor, and Mr. Levy's determined and unexplained rejection of that offer.

It is obvious that Premier-designate Peres and his fellow top Labour leaders view the Treasury post as the most thankless job in the new cabinet. They also believe, apparently, that the Likud which created the economic mess should be the one to be saddled with the finance portfolio. But that should not have meant the near-total handing over of the other important economic portfolios, such as industry and trade, and labour, to the Likud as well.

Interestingly, Mr. Shamir and his Herut party have also failed to put up a convincing fight to have the Treasury go to one of their own and have instead given it to the Liberals' Yitzhak Moda'i.

This may all add up to sad, but unavoidable, confirmation that no serious economic reform will be possible without resort to painful steps that will mean a sharp growth in unemployment and a drop in personal income.

The pragmatic politicians in both the leftist Labour and the populist Herut are silently agreed that it would be best for the "capitalist" Liberal Moda'i to be cast in the role of social villain in carrying out a policy that they all believe unavoidable.

UKM—UNITY GOVT

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Labour's women members are likely to vote against the cabinet list if, as expected, it does not include a woman cabinet minister. The party's Arab members, who have demanded the inclusion of MK Abdel Wahab Darousha as deputy minister of education or of the interior, have not yet decided how they will vote.

The Arab members were partly mollified after Peres yesterday promised a delegation of their representatives that many of their demands would be included in the policy guidelines of the government. Prime minister is the speedy legislation of an anti-racism law.

With the approval of Tzur and Nehemkin, Peres' cabinet quota is now full. Labour sources predicted last night that MK Moshe Shahal would win a cabinet seat over the candidacies of fellow MKs Uzi Baram and Rafael Edri, possibly as energy minister.

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LABOUR VOTES APPROVAL

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ernment but not yet established, the new government has undertaken to establish five or six within the next year, with the rest to be decided on by the government. The establishment of new settlements will need the approval of an absolute majority of cabinet ministers.

The agreement therefore gives Labour a veto over the establishment of new settlements, Peres said, while ensuring an early withdrawal from Lebanon. All of the five or six settlements to be established within the coming year fall within the boundaries of the Ailon plan, he said.

Peres' defence of the unity agreement was strongly supported by his colleagues Knesset members Yitzhak Navon and Yitzhak Rabin and by some 60 per cent of the speakers.

MK Abba Eban announced that he would accept the agreement, despite its "pathetic" nature. "What sort of child is not even blessed by its parents?" Eban asked.

The opposition to the agreement, expressed mainly by members of the Young Guard and non-Knesset speakers such as Histadrut central committee member Nahum Passa concentrated on the "legitimacy" given to Ariel Sharon, who will serve as Industrial Trade minister, the "sell-out" of all the important economic posts, the unconstitutionality of rotation of the premiership, and Labour's "disregard" of its socialist ideals.

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IT IS widely agreed that the results of the election to the 11th Knesset have clinched the case for a radical reform of our electoral system. Bargaining with potential coalition partners has always preceded the formation of a new government, but the frantic efforts of rival widders to see who can offer the highest prices for the favours of one- two- and three-man factions are enough to discredit our still rickety democracy in the eyes of the great majority of Israelis.

Of course, any system can result in a tie, but this is much less likely if all but a few of the seats go to two large parties, for then the picture is not blurred by the need to compete for the support of a gallimaufry of small groups ready to sell themselves to the highest bidder.

In less fragmented legislatures it is much easier to produce a fairly homogeneous government coalition with a strong opposition, and even if there is a deadlock, and the two major parties agree that the best solution is a "grand coalition" between them, they can negotiate on the merits of the issues.

In this connection, a great deal of nonsense is talked about "sacrificing principles" on both sides. On July 23, for example, the electorate did not endorse the Alignment's policies of halting further development in thickly populated parts of the administered areas, and working for an accommodation with Jordan on the basis of territorial compromise. But neither did it approve the Likud's aims of massive settlement in Judea and Samaria, and the ultimate annexation of the areas as an integral part of Israel.

The only basis for agreement, therefore, was the postponement of actions incompatible with the long-term policies of both sides, so that each could, in due course, make a further appeal to the electorate without foreclosing the options in which it is interested. In the meantime, the agreed compromise formulae enable each of the two parties to continue the public debate, and use its persuasive skill and its key positions within the government to influence events in the direction that it believes to be in the national interest.

THIS IS QUITE a different matter from the Aguda's demands for the banning of Reform and Conserva-

tive conversions; the passing of the ruinous Archeology Law; the appointment of faction leaders who just scraped into the Knesset to positions of power; and massive handouts from the impoverished treasury to institutions associated with this faction or that.

Such measures are a surrender to the blackmail of small groups, while the reciprocal policy concessions of the Alignment and the Likud constitute recognition of the fact that the nation has not arrived at a clear decision on certain issues of vital national policy, and that these issues should, as far as possible, be left open for the time being.

The political stalemate, and the exorbitant bargaining power of a baker's dozen of small factions, should stimulate the two large parties to carry out, with the utmost despatch, the long-discussed and frequently-postponed reform of the electoral system in order to discourage the pathological proliferation of splinter groups which divide and redivide like amoebae. At the same time, the reform should meet another urgent need: to strengthen the ties between the representative and the electors, while weakening his dependence on the party leadership.

THERE ARE two pitfalls to be avoided. First of all, it is the two large parties that must undertake the responsibility for electoral reform. They may consult other groups, but they must not give them the power of veto by including reform in the coalition agreement.

This was the mistake that the late Levi Eshkol made when he concluded the first alignment with Abduh Ha'Avoda and postponed reform, to which Mapai had been

By MISHA LOUVISH

committed since 1954, until he could reach agreement with his new allies. The mistake was repeated in 1977 by the late Yigal Yadin, who was so sure of getting reform enacted on the initiative of the government that he repeatedly voted against the Alignment's reform proposals.

On two occasions — in 1972 and 1974 — electoral reform bills, proposed by Gad Yacobi on behalf of the Labour Party (not the Alignment, because Mapai was against), achieved preliminary approval by 61 members of the Knesset, but did not get through the committee stage before the 1973 and 1977 elections respectively because of the hesitations of the Liberals and the obstruction of the NRP chairman of the Law and Constitution Committee. If the Likud and Labour cooperate this time, they can get the reform enacted and implemented in time for the next elections.

A second pitfall is the temptation to take the easy way by raising the minimum percentage entitling lists to participate in the allocation of seats (ahuz nahasima). This method is very easy to apply: it just needs a simple bill, which could be pushed through in a day or two by the two large parties. The trouble is that it does nothing at all to enhance the responsibility of the Knesset member to the electorate: in fact, it would have the opposite effect: it would increase the power of the party machines over the individual members, who would still owe their positions to the decision of a nomination committee or, at best, to a vote in a council composed of party functionaries and activists.

With all its faults, the present system provides a safety valve against the tyranny of the party lead-

erships, since anyone unfairly excluded from the list can appeal directly to the electorate. Reform should improve or, at least, preserve, the balance between party discipline and the integrity of the individual member, instead of strengthening the already excessive domination of party headquarters.

WHEN BEN-GURION persuaded a reluctant and sceptical party to support his call for electoral reform, it was the single-member constituency system, in force in Britain and the United States, that he had in mind. It was open to grave objections, however, and in 1969 a committee appointed by the newly formed Israel Labour Party under the chairmanship of the late Dov Joseph recommended a compromise method.

It provided for the election of 90 members by proportional representation in 30 three-member constituencies, and the rest by country-wide proportional representation. It was this system, modified to 16 five-member constituencies and 40 by a countrywide vote, that was repeatedly submitted to the Knesset by the Labour Party and supported, in principle, by the Liberals, Herut and others. If the Likud sticks to the positions adopted by its component parties, a bill on these lines can be passed in the 11th Knesset by a large majority.

This system will provide a considerable degree of direct contact between the citizens and their representatives in the five-member constituencies, each of which would have some 170,000 electors, and a total population of about 250,000. The Haifa District could be divided into two such constituencies, the Tel Aviv District into four, and the

South and the Negev into two. With some latitude, allowing for four- and six-member constituencies where required, it should not be difficult to draw boundaries demarcating natural geographical units and giving equal representation to all parts of the population. The boundaries would be drawn by an impartial committee, consisting, perhaps, of a Supreme Court Justice and experts in geography, demography and social science — all appointed by the president of the Supreme Court.

The system would stimulate the parties to choose candidates acceptable to the public, and not only to party HQ — especially if the voters were allowed to express his own preference as between the names on this list he supports, or perhaps even to split his vote between the nominees of different lists.

While putting splinter groups at a considerable disadvantage and thus encouraging large formations, the system would provide a safety-valve for minority opinions, which could compete for support in chosen constituencies or in the countrywide vote. The latter, too, might be used to rectify an imbalance in the correlation between the constituency results and total popular vote.

OF COURSE, electoral reform would not provide a comprehensive cure for all the ills that our society is heir to. There would still remain the tensions between Sephardim and Ashkenazim, between religious and secularists, between hawks and doves. It might also be worth considering measures to strengthen the position of the head of the government, though the proposals for introducing the presidential system, as in the United States and France, are open to grave doubts.

There is no alternative, however, to the reform of the legislature. Even a directly elected president would find it very hard to function with an absurdly splintered Knesset as we have today — unless the Knesset itself was deprived of all its effective power. Our electoral system is bankrupt. The two large parties, the Likud and Labour, have a golden opportunity to reform it. If either of them fails to take advantage of that opportunity, it will have a heavy burden of responsibility to bear.

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READERS' LETTERS

UNWED MOTHERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Our daughter is one of the thousands of unwed mothers in this country, and from the beginning (after recovering from the initial shock), we were very pleased and have stood by her. My husband and I had excellent reasons for receiving this grandchild with the same enthusiasm and love that we feel for our son's "normal" children. I should like to share our considerations with your readers.

Our family is a small one. Few of our relatives, my husband's and mine, survived the Holocaust. I did, weak and shattered. I still feel thankful I was able to have survived and raised my two children. And so, every addition to the third generation of our family is in itself a delight.

Our daughter married when not yet 19 and her subsequent divorce, when she was only 21, was a grueling experience for all of us. Afterwards she completed her education, then started to work in her chosen profession. She became a very independent young woman. All around her, she saw that her own nightmarish marriage and divorce proceedings were far from unique. She and we concluded that no girl on her wedding day can altogether rule out the possibility that hell, not paradise, awaits her the morning after, and for a long time to come.

It seems that other women have reached the same conclusion, and more and more of them decide that marriage is too great a gamble. They also probably cherish their independence, their freedom of movement, their peace of mind too much to place them in jeopardy. Yet, like my daughter, many are not prepared to forgo motherhood. No longer is motherhood without matrimony the prerogative of young, naive girls who have been seduced or even raped; now it is often decided upon by modern, determined, intelligent women in their thirties, who feel that they can do a better job raising one or two children by themselves, or with the active help of their parents, than when married to what may turn out to be the wrong man. They

reason that children in a violent or broken home are worse off than those who have never known a father. But alas, some of them, after putting their decision into effect, discover that they have earned the disdain, the condemnation, even the total alienation of high and mighty prudish and chauvinists inside their own families and out.

In all fairness, I must add that in "our" case, when, and ever since our bright, beautiful grandson was born over six years ago, we have encountered great understanding and very little criticism. I think we move in truly enlightened circles. It is some of our daughter's friends who experience the negative reactions mentioned above, and who told her about it.

So people who care had better ask themselves why women take this defiant step and risk hostility from parents, siblings, friends, religious authorities, society, in fact almost their entire world, rather than marry and have children in the accepted way. I hope I have provided some food for thought.

It is a sad fact that some single mothers have bitten off more than they can chew and find themselves in desperate financial straits. In addition, they and their children lack the love and support of their extended families, who have not forgiven them their "outrageous" act. Only quite recently, the existence of this ever-growing group has been recognized by our legislators, when they granted its members one or two long-overdue benefits. But these are not nearly enough.

I hope that this letter will be, an eye-opener for officials and private persons who are in the position to offer assistance to a problem-ridden unmarried mother, or who might find it in their hearts to give a little extra loving care to her child, who has been born, who is with us, and should have the same right to a carefree, happy existence as everybody else!

CLARA H. LEEFSMA
Yokneam.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — A recent letter from faculty members of the Hebrew University, some of them erstwhile colleagues, demands "immediate legislation to combat the insidious evil" of Kahanism. If this signifies measures that would restrict the expression of word and policy, as the letter indicates, I find the demand ill-advised and unacceptable.

That Kahanism constitutes "an outrage against humanity" must be obvious to anyone with a sense of the decencies of a civilized society. But there are few more stringent tests of the democratic faith than our determination to tolerate the intolerable in the market-place of ideas. Within this arena, the tyranny of a majority is not much less pernicious than the tyranny of a minority. And Voltaire's "I disapprove of what you say but shall defend to the death your right to say it" remains a standard we ignore at our peril. However mindless and repugnant, Kahanism as doctrine cannot be barred from competing for the minds of men, warped as these may be, without irreparable injury to other competing doctrines.

Of course, when doctrine becomes the thuggery of deed, the state has an abiding obligation to act for its own preservation and the security of its citizens. Absent a clear and pre-

sent danger, however, there can be no rational justification for laws that suppress the freedom of speech of any minority. Unfettered speech, except when clearly libellous, is a risk essential to a democracy.

None should know this better than the academic community, the historic bastion of the realm of ideas.

IRWIN STARK
Professor Emeritus,
City University of New York
Hillsdale, N.Y.

ISRAEL'S HEROES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — May I be permitted to correct an inadvertent inaccuracy which cropped up in your report on the winners of the Yitzhak Sadeh prize (September 6).

While it is perfectly true that all the women soldiers mentioned in the report were members of Palmah, Hanna Szenes and Haviva Reik died four years before the War of Independence. They were dropped by parachute behind German lines in 1944 as part of the Yishuv's effort to rescue Jews in Europe. Both were killed by the Nazis: Hanna in Hungary, Haviva in Slovakia.

REUVEN DAFNI
Jerusalem.

TWO MARCHES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The resemblances between Kahane's "march" on Umm el-Fahm and the Nazi march on the Chicago suburb of Skokie are striking. Both groups are on the far right of the political spectrum. Both are seeking the same goal. Both started their journey in vehicles and both decided to turn around when they realized it would not be safe to continue. And, tragically, both marches succeeded in their objectives — to create turmoil among the local population and to receive massive publicity.

RICHARD EASTON
Kfar Hanassi.

IRRESPONSIBILITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Yosef Haroni, the man accused of shooting a Nabulus girl, claims he suffers from epileptic fits and had even been discharged from the army for this reason (September 3).

I would like to ask the Ministry of Interior how such a sick person can obtain a permit to bear arms. Who is responsible for such irresponsibility?

EMILLIO TRAUBNER
Tel Aviv.

NEWS ON MABAT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In the last month, three referees were arrested, the largest number in one month to date. These three men are Alexander Yakir, Alexander Cholimansky, and Ya'akov Levine.

On August 20, Jewish activists throughout the Soviet Union declared a hunger strike in sympathy with those arrested, and they were joined by activists all over the world.

From 10 a.m. onwards, activists here in Israel gathered at the Western Wall, calling on the public to raise an outcry. They approached the media at once to make them aware of these events which portend tragedy if the public does not break its silence. An Israeli TV camera team rushed to the Western Wall to get material for the evening news broadcasts.

The editor, however, obviously did not find these tragic happenings sufficiently newsworthy to be included in the 9 p.m. Mabab news magazine.

Of great public interest were the following news items on Mabab: the opening of the American Republic Party convention, internal problems of India and the Philippines, and last but not least the uncharming smile of Elizabeth Taylor, for the umpteenth time. Foreign news items

must of course be aired, but priorities should be properly respected.

TV did manage to slip the news about the above-mentioned events into the midnight news summary, when we are all fast asleep. However, even the midnight news skipped over the real issue, that is, the plight of our fellow Jews in the Soviet Union.

I appeal to all those who consider themselves Jews in the fullest sense of the word to raise an outcry and force the media to act responsibly in a matter where the world's third largest Jewish community is concerned. Israel is the spiritual heart of the Jewish people. If we in Israel do nothing, then who should?

FELIX KUSHNER
Tel Baruch.

TV PROGRAMMING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — What a pity that the excellent series "Cosmos" is being televised at the most unsuitable time of 15:45 every Monday, when most people are still at work.

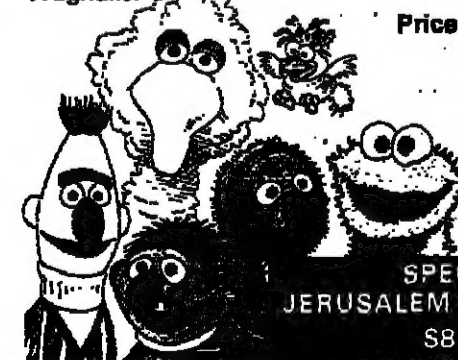
I would like to suggest that the timing be moved to Tuesday at 20:00 and the series "Love, Sidney" relegated to the trash-can where it belongs.

MYRIAM WOLFF
Kfar Daniel.

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